

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 in the specification with the following paragraph:

The construction of hinge housings of modern multi-joint furniture hinges of the type concerned here which serve as a door leaf mounting part and can be fixed countersunk in an opening in the inner face of a door leaf made from wood material of a cupboard, i.e. a hinge housing composed of a cup part made from metal with a fixing flange and a liner part made from plastics material which is practically invisible after fixing on or in the door leaf, has been increasingly successful in recent times. Thus the metal part which is produced either from metal sheet using a punch pressing process or a die-casting process from a metal alloy on the one hand determines the appearance of the hinge housing and on the other hand ensures the necessary load-bearing capacity, whilst the plastics liner part which in the assembled state is not or hardly visible ensures the precise alignment of the metal part in the opening in the door leaf. In this case the fixing of the hinge housing on the door leaf takes place as a rule by means of one or two fixing screws which pass through countersunk fixing bores in the fixing flange of the metal part and recesses in the part of the plastics liner lying below them and are either screwed directly into the door leaf or engage in fixing lugs provided on the liner part which for their part are retained in fixing bores drilled into the wood material of the door leaf spaced from the opening for the cup part. These fixing lugs which are preferably injection ~~molded~~ ~~molded~~ molded integrally on the liner part are oversized with respect to the internal diameter of the fixing bore in the door leaf so that they connect the installed hinge housing firmly to the door leaf. Due to the construction of the

fixing lugs in the manner of expanding dowels which can be expanded by the fixing screws screwed into them, the firm seating of the hinge housing on or in the door leaf can be further improved. However, removal of the hinge housing from the door leaf is possible by unscrewing the fixing screw(s), since then the connection of the metal part to the liner part is released. However, this screwing operation is labour-intensive and if the metal part is released from and reconnected to the liner part a number of times the screw threads of the fixing screws in the fixing lugs or - where these are not provided - in the walls of the fixing bores in the door leaf, so that the firm seating and secure retention on the door leaf is impaired. Reference is made to the hammer-set housing known from DE 26 36 767 C2 as an example of the known hinge housing.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 in the specification with the following paragraph:

In an advantageous variant of the invention the through openings in the liner plate extend centrally through ~~centering-centering~~ lugs which project from the flat side of the liner plate facing the wall of the door leaf and of which the outer boundaries correspond in each case in a complementary manner to the boundaries of the respective associated through openings in the door leaf wall and of which the length is at most equal to the thickness of the wall. These ~~centering-centering~~ lugs ensure that when the hinge cup is installed on or in the door leaf it is installed in the necessary exactly aligned rotated position, wherein the selected length of the ~~centering-centering~~ lugs ensures that the resilient fixing bodies which increase in diameter as the fixing screws are tightened engage behind the inner face of the wall in the door leaf so that axial

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play of the installed hinge cup in the opening in the door leaf cannot occur.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 in the specification with the following paragraph:

On the other hand, the receiving bores for at least one further toggle joint to be articulated pivotably on the hinge housing are preferably provided in regions of the arms of the U of the joint support which engage around the outer faces of the cup part and lie below the fixing flange, whereby in the flattened wall regions of the cup part in alignment with the receiving bores in the arms of the U of the joint support elongate through slots are provided which extend in the direction of displacement of the joint support and of which the width is substantially equal to the diameter of the appertaining receiving bore in the joint support. When the bearing journals for the appertaining toggle joint to be articulated on are installed the bearing journals pass through the elongate slots in the flattened wall regions of the cup part, whereby stress acting in the hinge cup by way of the toggle joint is removed by way of the edges of the elongate slot in the cup part onto the ~~app-~~cup part.

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Please replace the first paragraph on page 8 in the specification with the following paragraph:

For the fixing of the hinge housing 10 the punched or drilled through openings which are illustrated in particular in Figures 2 and 3 are provided in the wall 16a, namely an opening 18 delimited by a circle in the immediate vicinity of the end wall 16c of the door leaf and - at a

greater distance from the end wall 16c - two circular through openings 20 of smaller diameter.

The through openings 20 of smaller diameter lie symmetrically with respect to the ~~centre-center~~ line of the opening 18 extending at right angles to the boundary edge of the door leaf.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 8 in the specification with the following paragraph:

The thin flat lining plate 14 made from plastics material which in its outer boundary is shaped substantially corresponding to the shape of the fixing flange 22 has an opening 24 corresponding to the opening 18 in the wall 16a of the door leaf. In the edge region of this opening 24 resiliently deformable latching tabs 26 which are injection ~~resiliently folded~~ on integrally project from the flat face of the liner plate 14 lying opposite the fixing flange 22 and which are provided on their free ends with latching heads 28 which are in each case directed radially outwards and which in the proper installation position of the hinge housing in the opening 18 engage in a latching manner behind the inner face of the wall 16a.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 in the specification with the following paragraph:

The liner plate 14 has two through openings 30 which are spaced from one another and of which the ~~centre-center~~ line in the installed position is aligned with the ~~centre-center~~ line of the respective associated through opening 20 in the wall 16a. Also in the fixing flange 22 through openings 32 which are aligned with the through openings 30 of the liner plate and the through

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openings 20 of the wall 16a are provided which in the illustrated case (Figure 6) are countersunk and serve to receive the countersunk head 34a of a respective fixing screw 34, the shank 34b of which provided with a thread is screwed in each case into a complementary matching thread 36b in a clamping plate 36. Projecting from the flat side of the liner plate 14 facing the wall 16a of the door leaf are short ~~centring-centering~~ lugs 38 which concentrically enclose the through openings 30 in the liner plate 14 and of which the external diameter corresponds substantially equally to the diameter of the through openings 20 in the wall 16a. The ~~centring-centering~~ lugs 38 are somewhat shorter in length than the wall thickness of the wall 16a, so that in the proper installation position of the liner plate on the wall ~~16a~~ they do not project into the hollow space of the door leaf.

Please replace the first full paragraph on pages 9 in the specification with the following paragraph:

A resiliently deformable fixing body 40 through which the shank of the fixing screw 34 passes is disposed between the free end faces of the ~~centring-centering~~ lugs 38 of the liner plate 14 and the clamping plates 36, and in the undeformed state it has a diameter which likewise corresponds to the diameter of the through openings 20 in the wall 16a. As can be seen in particular in Figure 6, the ~~centring-centering~~ lugs which can each be inserted into one of the appertaining through openings 20, the subsequent resiliently deformable fixing body 40 and the clamping plate 36 screwed onto the free end of the threaded shank 34b together form a fixing lug which in the initial state shown in Figure 6 can be introduced fittingly through the through

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openings 20 in the wall 16a into the interior of the door leaf 16. Then when in the proper bearing position of the liner plate on the wall 16a the head 34a of the fixing screw 34 is turned in the sense of screwing the threaded shank 34b into the thread 36b of the clamping plate 36 the clamping plate 36 is screwed on the shank 34 in the direction of the inner face of the wall 16a. The resilient fixing body 40 is compressed thereby and then inevitably bulges outwards as its diameter increases. Depending upon the degree of bulging the resilient fixing body then engages behind the edge regions of the inner face of the wall 16a adjoining the through openings 20, as a result of which a positive-locking of the fixing flange on the wall 16a of the door leaf is obtained which absorbs shocks to a large extent due to the resilient properties of the fixing body 40.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 in the specification with the following paragraph:

By rotation of the head 34a of the fixing screw 34 in the opposite direction the clamping plate 36 is screwed again in the direction of the free end of the shank 34b, whereby the resilient fixing body 40 lengthens and its bulge recedes again until it assumes the original cylindrical shape. In this state the fixing lugs which are formed by the ~~centering~~centering lugs 38 of the liner plate 14, the resilient fixing body 40 and the clamping plate 3 in collaboration with the fixing screw 34 can be withdrawn without force from the through opening 20 in the wall 16 of the door leaf 16 and the hinge housing can be removed.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 in the specification with the following paragraph:

In a bearing bore 52 of the web portion 44a of the joint support 44 extending below the base 12a of the cup part 12 there is rotatably mounted a lug 54 which projects from the underside of an eccentric portion 56 which is delimited by a circle, enlarged in diameter and offset eccentrically with respect to the axis of rotation of the lug 54, the peripheral surface of the eccentric portion being supported on the opposing long edges of an elongate transverse slot 58 in the base 12a. In the interior of the cup part 12 the eccentric portion 56 is provided with an actuating head 60 like a screw head which is enlarged in diameter and which is provided for example with the recess which is shown in ~~FIG. 1~~ and - by dash-dot lines - in ~~FIG. 4~~ for the application of a tool for a Phillips screwdriver. Thus by turning of the actuating head 60 with a Phillips screwdriver the joint support 44 can be moved progressively around the predetermined displacement path. By appropriate configuration the possibility created in this way for adjustment of the joint support by the eccentric adjustment can be of self-locking construction. However, if necessary additional clamping for an implemented adjustment of the joint support 44 can be additionally created by a clamping screw (not shown) screwed into a threaded bore in the base 12 and pressed onto the web portion 44a of the joint support 44.